

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS 1899! A HAPPY NEW YEAR 1900!

Hutchison's Bargain Store,  
with the Compliments of the  
Season, invites your attention  
to their Beautiful Stock of De-  
rable Gifts for Old and Young.

## Toys and Games.

A great variety. Scores of nice gifts  
at little cost. We will show you Elab-  
orate Articles if you prefer. Much to  
choose from at very low prices.

## Knox Toys.

The toys for 1, 2, 5 and 10c. Wood  
toys at 2, 5, 10 to 25c. Iron toys,  
Banks, Wagons, Carts, Horses, Bells  
and Mechanical toys at 25c to \$1.00.  
Boats, Ships, Noah's Ark, Blocks, A. B.  
C. and building, Sheep, Monkeys,  
Dumkeys, Cows, Dogs, Cats and Ele-  
phants, Horses, Whistles, Fiddles, Fiddle-  
sticks and Harps.

We have got the goods and make the  
prices this will fill all the stockings,  
and do it reasonably. No doubt you  
can't afford to buy from our store  
and see for yourself how economically  
you can get nice presents.

Sleds, Sleighs, Doll Carriages, Go  
Carts, Wagons, Hobby Horses and  
Shoe Toys.

Dolls of all sizes and complexion.  
Jointed Dolls, Dolls with hair, Boy  
Dolls, Sleeping Dolls, Kid Dolls, Wash-  
able Dolls, Rag Dolls, Rubber Dolls,  
Doll Shoes, Doll Hats, Doll Hoods, Doll  
Parasols, Doll Cradles, Doll Furniture,  
and all kinds of doll things.

Toy Books at 1, 2, 3 and 5c. A. B. C.  
Books, Story Books, Game Books,  
Boy's Books, Picture Books and a  
great number of other books.  
Drums, Fire Engines, Tops, Trains,  
Carpet Sweepers, Child's Rockers,  
Balls, Surprise Boxes and many other  
Toys.

## Notions.

Ladies' Fancy Notions! Pretty  
things that make acceptable presents.  
Beautiful creations in neckwear, Chif-  
fon, silk, lace and net. The newest  
fashions within your means. At 19, 25,  
50, 59 and 65c; worth much more.  
Fancy Back Combs and Hair Orna-  
ments in silver, gold, shell and horn;  
pretty new styles at 10, 25, 35 and 50c.  
Halt pins in the latest at 10, 25 and 50c.  
Dress Buckles and Belt Buckles  
Handkerchiefs at 3, 5, 10, 12 to 35c;  
Jewelry, Cuff Buttons, etc.

## Dress Goods.

Dress Goods and Linens make useful  
presents, our stocks are full of the  
newest seasonable goods, and at such  
prices, all can invest with satisfaction.  
The assortment large to select from.  
Special prices on Golf Plaids.

Pur Calicoes in the newest styles  
at \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.48 to \$3.00.

## Skirts.

Golf Plaid Skirts at \$4.98, \$5.50, \$6.50  
to \$7.50; prettiest patterns on the  
market.

## Jackets.

Ladies' Jackets just in from the  
best makers, at \$2.98 to \$12.00. We  
give you best quality of closing out  
prices during this month.

## Tailor Made Suits.

Tailor Made Suits and Mercery  
and Silk Hosiery at closing Out  
Prices at 75c to \$1.00.

Pocket Books and Purses; Belts in  
great variety at 10c to \$1.25; Shopping  
Bags at 25c to \$1.25. Umbrellas in a  
variety of styles and qualities, new  
up-to-date, English, English, English  
and Silk Covers at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25,  
\$1.50 to \$2.50 each. Children's Um-  
brellas at 25c and 50c each.

## Corsets.

The Flexibone Corset in different  
styles to suit all shapes, fitted by lady  
expert fitter and warranted to fit, at  
\$1.50, \$2.00 to \$2.75, equal to the best.

Ladies' Union Suits, perfect fitting  
made in the most perfect manner  
from selected goods at 50c and 85c.  
For this sale at this price, separate  
vests and pants at 15c to 25c.

## Art Embroidery.

Art Embroidery and embroidery  
silks, at no advanced price, stamped  
linens, hemstitched and cut pieces,  
silk tassels, plush balls, silk corner  
pieces, cords, fringe, silk drapery at 25  
a yard. And a full stock of goods at  
about half usual prices; Jap. Gilt  
thread in assorted sizes.

## Mackintoshes.

Mackintoshes from \$1.75 to \$12.00,  
exceptional values.

## Fine Shoes.

Queen Quality Shoes made from the  
best materials and seven styles and all  
weights to suit the most fastidious  
dresser at \$2.00 a pair, a full stock of  
other makes at popular prices.

## Sewing Machines.

At the lowest prices made anywhere  
for high class machines. Wheeler &  
Wilson No. 3 at \$25; Singer at \$14.95;  
Eldridge Ball Bearing at \$18.95; Mus-  
kingum Drop Head \$23.00; Standard  
\$28.00.

Boy's Suits, Men's Suits; good, warm  
overcoats and Mackintoshes, Under-  
wear, Gloves, Mufflers, Stocks, Hats,  
Caps, Sweaters. A nice line of men  
and boy's wear at money saving prices  
make acceptable presents. Men's Hats  
in the newest styles; half the usual  
price.

Dinner Sets, Tea Sets and open and  
closed pieces in plain and decorated.  
Haviland's, German and Austrian  
china in the newest and best patterns.  
Berry Sets, Salad, Curry, Brunch  
Trays and Fruit Dishes. Cut and imi-  
tation cut and engraved Glassware,  
Statuettes, Bohemian Vases, Pin  
Trays and many other novelties. Our  
display surpasses any previous one by us.

We have devoted a room 50x100 feet  
for the display of Toys and Holiday  
Goods. For artistic decoration and  
arrangement of stock it will merit  
your approval.

We have made unusual preparations  
in our Fruit, Candy and Confectionery  
Departments. Candies by the tons are  
required. Oranges, lemons and  
fruits in large quantities to supply  
Christmas, Sunday Schools, Festivals  
and Parties. We furnish good qual-  
ities at low prices. Mixed Candy at 5c,  
6c, 8, 10 and 12 1/2 a pound. Stick  
Candy, plain and French Kisses, Taffy  
of all kinds, Nuts, Bon Bons, Lozenges  
and Fine Candies.

Every day until Christmas we will  
receive new Toys from the east at bar-  
gain prices. It will pay you to visit us  
often.

We advertise Christmas Bargains;  
we give them.

Hutchison's Bargain Store,  
Nos. 169 and 171 Front St., Marietta, O.

# TALE OF TWO DEBTS.

THREE weeks had elapsed since William  
Judd had offered to Mistress Giles, his  
landlady, a sort of pecuniary compensa-  
tion either for his lodging or for the  
vicarious wherewith he had been nourished,  
preferring rather to it seemed to lavish  
his means in the indulgence of a natural propen-  
sity for gaiety with companions of a  
profligate character. He was indeed a man  
of engaging and affable manners, and pos-  
sessed of handsome features. He was dressed  
in the strict mode, and in the conversation at  
table proved that he had a pretty wit. These  
advantages and accomplishments had pre-  
sented Mistress Giles in his favor.

Nevertheless, the landlady was not enter-  
taining guests beneath her roof for any  
agreeable stimulus her health might derive  
from their presence, and, being desirous of  
discharging the bill of an importunate  
creditor, she was anxious to see the money  
applied to one Colton, a person of judgment  
and discrimination, entreating the advan-  
tage of his wisdom and experience in her be-  
half.

"That," remarked Master Colton, as he  
stroked his chin, "is a matter of some diffi-  
culty. I am assured that it would be an  
injurious proceeding to continue to afford  
to this youth shelter and food, for, while  
the expectation of being myself through an  
extraordinary time may be thought reasonable, yet the  
probability that the end of the indebtedness  
will have accumulated to no purpose bene-  
ficial to yourself is sufficient to outweigh  
the consideration. My advice, therefore, is  
that you should at once desire the young  
man to remove himself from your premises,  
leaving his chest of clothes as a pledge for  
his prosperous return, for, while delusive  
hopes still point to distant gain, yet a trunk  
is somewhat, and even bricks have value be-  
yond fair assurances and specious promises.  
I would not rashly condemn a fellow crea-  
ture for an unavoidable failure to discharge  
an obligation, but myself through an un-  
usual combination of untoward circum-  
stances temporarily in your debt, but I  
have observed that Master Judd smokes an  
excellent brand of Virginia tobacco and that  
he can wear a newsgay his coat with vic-  
tols at 35 cents a bunch. He is also a young  
man having no manner of respect for the  
matured opinions of his elders and scrupling  
not to quiz and flout them. Such seldom  
come to any degree of reverence or emi-  
nence in life.

Mistress Giles professed herself vastly  
obliged to the sage, and, presently meeting  
with Judd, addressed him with great severity  
of censure and peremptorily desired him to  
create the attic apartment and return to  
her the latch key of the street door.

"Prithee, dear madam," said Judd, "tell  
me by what ill hap I have incurred your dis-  
pleasure. I am not possible that the  
patron and mercenary consideration of a  
board bill can have excited your resentment  
against me, nor can I readily believe that  
such graces as I see displayed in your person  
are compatible with such an austerity of dis-  
position as your words would evince. Con-  
sider, I beg, that I am so far dependent  
upon your benevolence that should you turn  
me from your door to-morrow I would be  
without resource until Saturday night. Then  
indeed I shall have enough and to spare, for  
my remittances from home are due, to say  
nothing of the weekly stipend I receive  
from my employers."

"Had you not told me the same thing con-  
cerning your meagre remittances and salary  
six times within the last four weeks, I  
might be disposed to believe it; but I must  
tell you that you can no longer practice upon  
my credulity."

"Consider," said Judd, "that prior to the  
time when you speak of I paid you punctually,  
also that in common with the rest of mankind  
I am liable to have my plans frustrated and  
my hopes dashed."

"That, too, would be of a greater force and  
effect if I observed Mistress Giles, 'but to the  
best of my recollection the punctual pay-  
ment was limited to one week.'"

"It is true," admitted Judd, "yet I am  
not to be reproached therefor, seeing that  
the duration of my abode beneath your roof  
has not exceeded one hour last month. I be-  
lieve that I must now owe you \$18."

"You have correctly estimated the amount,"  
replied Mistress Giles.  
"Would five dollars be of any material  
assistance to you, or is that too insigni-  
ficant to merit your consideration?"

"At this proffer the countenance of the good  
woman cleared. With great cheerfulness she  
hastened to assure the youth that the amount  
named, while below her expectations,  
was yet adequate for the relief of her pre-  
sent necessities, although (she informed him)  
other emergencies would inevitably  
arise within the next few days, to meet  
which she would be compelled to insist upon  
a full payment."

"I will write an acknowledgment," said  
Mistress Giles.  
But this Master Judd would by no means  
permit, protesting that he would as soon  
suspect an angel of light as his fair land-  
lady (as he termed her), and paying her so  
many handsome compliments that her face  
became suffused with blushes. When at  
length she would have departed Master Judd  
caught her hand and begged her not to cruel-  
ly deprive him of the rapture of her pres-  
ence.

Yielding to the ardor of his instance,  
Mistress Giles seated herself as an ottoman  
and Master Judd, looking on her with ten-  
der yet respectful admiration, proceeded  
to tell her the story of his life and had twice  
addressed her as "adorable creature!" when  
the maid came in to say that the butcher  
had called.

Returning from her interview with this  
tradesman, Mistress Giles encountered Mas-  
ter Colton coming downstairs attired for  
the street.

"I perceive that you have spoken with the  
fellow Judd," he remarked. "I trust that  
you will soon be well quit of him, for, in-  
deed, I do not think that you will get him  
to pay what he owes."

At the eyes of the landlady sparkled  
with displeasure. "Ho! Judd's!" she ex-  
claimed. "He will not pay, quotha! I must  
tell you, Master Colton, that he has paid and  
is to boot an honest, civil gentleman as need  
be. Marry, it would be excellent if some  
other fellow paid his debts as well as he instead  
of slandering their betters."

"Nay, madam," he began, "I did not  
mean—"

"Care not what you mean," answered  
the good woman. "Tell me in a word wheth-  
er you intend to pay me the money that you  
owe me or no."

"Within a week or two, I trust—"

"So do not I," rejoined the widow.  
"While I propose to sever our connection, I  
here and retain your trunk to await its  
chance of redemption. You will favor me  
with the key to your room at your earliest  
convenience and not later than six o'clock  
to-night. I wish you a very good day."

So saying, Mistress Giles hurried long  
standing in dumb amazement, while the land-  
lady above Master Judd, smote his thigh  
noisily, tapped his nose and tipped up  
to his attic apartment.—Chicago Daily Rec-  
ord.



## "Fritz in a Madhouse."

Petite Lottie Gilson, who is this sea-  
son starring in conjunction with J. K.  
Emmet in "Fritz in a Madhouse," is  
undoubtedly America's favorite Serial  
Comic. She is today the idol of the  
American public and her success with  
popular music has been of such a na-  
ture that authors and composers of  
that style of work vie with each other  
in the effort to arrange with her to  
first introduce their compositions. All  
through America she is known as the  
"Little Magnet," which title she justly  
earns, as on the whole, she is possi-  
bly the most magnetic and popular of  
the many artists in her line; and as  
she goes ahead season after season  
adding new laurels to her already long  
list of successes, she can very ap-  
propriately be called "The Producer of  
Popular Ballads." At the Auditorium  
Christmas matinee and night.

L. M. LUCHS, Mgr.

## CANNOT KISS EVEN IN A PLAY

President Rogers, of Northwestern  
University, Issues Edict Against  
College Juniors.

"Positively no kissing will be allowed  
in any part of this year's Junior play,"  
is an edict that has gone out from  
President Henry Wade Rogers, of  
Northwestern University, at Evanston,  
Ill., and the junior class of the col-  
lege of liberal arts is as a consequence  
in a great deal of trouble. The play the  
juniors have accepted this year is  
called "My Friend From India." They  
have already rehearsed it for two  
weeks, but reports reached the ears of  
the president which said that in the  
play there were a great many little  
love scenes replete with embraces and  
kisses.

The president said he did not be-  
lieve the young men and women of the  
college would be guilty of acting in  
such a play, but nevertheless he started  
on foot an investigation. President  
Rogers would not say what he would do  
if the play were given regardless of  
orders, and Frank Webb, who is drill-  
ing the young actors and actresses, as-  
serts that unless at least some kissing  
in the love scenes is permitted the af-  
fair will be a failure and will have to  
be abandoned. He declares that there  
is as much difference between a the-  
atrical kiss and an ordinary one as there  
is between a real dollar and one that is  
counterfeit, and says that he can see  
no harm in make-believe osculation.

However, the president will remain  
firm and the students are wondering  
what the outcome will be.

Those who are now in the cast of  
the play discarded the first one that  
was selected by the manager because  
there were too many love scenes in it,  
and the few persons who have wit-  
nessed the rehearsals of the present  
play say that they wonder what the  
other one must have been.

The most prominent young men and  
women in college are in the cast, and  
things come to the worst they are  
in favor of having boys substituted  
during the kissing acts just to show the  
ridiculous side of the matter.

## SHORT SPECIALS.

The Spanish government has formally  
recognized Gen. Cipriano Castro as  
president of the republic of Venez-  
uela.

Secret meetings of Boer sympathiz-  
ers continue to be held in various  
parts of Cape Colony, and the attitude  
of the Dutch farmer is truculent.

The Natal Government Gazette an-  
nounces that Gen. Buller has appointed  
a commission to inquire into the  
losses of the people of the colony re-  
sulting from the Boer invasion.

Two propeller blades of the British  
steamer Ashcroft, Capt. McFee, from  
Liverpool for Galveston, were in-  
broken. She arrived at St. Michaels  
Sunday.

The Norwegian bark Ragna, Capt.  
Anderson, from Pensacola, was in col-  
lision at Buenos Ayres with the Ital-  
ian steamer Calabro, from Genoa, and  
was damaged slightly.

Former Congressman James Nelson  
Pilecock, for 39 years a democratic  
leader in New Jersey, died at his home  
in White House, N. J., Sunday of pa-  
ralysis. He was stricken with paral-  
ysis at 7 o'clock Saturday night while  
seated in his library.

**Quail Season Closed.**  
Columbus, O., Dec. 17.—Friday closed  
the quail-hunting season in Ohio.  
Persons found with quail in their pos-  
session liable to a fine of \$50.

**Made a Mistake.**  
Shelby, O., Dec. 19.—Charles E. Kneel,  
employed as oiler at the Shelby Tub  
works, made a mistake, fell into the  
wheel pit and was instantly killed. He  
was 28 years old and leaves a wife.

**Failures for the week number 23**  
against 31 last week, 32 in this week  
1 year ago, 43 in 1897, 39 in 1896, and  
12 in 1895.

# THE GLAD HAND.

Marietta Extends a Heartly Welcome—Our  
Citizens show Appreciation in Public  
Gatherings.

Lack of appreciation is not a failing  
of our citizens, and the advent of the  
"little conqueror" was received with the  
same display of enthusiasm that has  
spread all over the Union. Coming  
like a ray of sunshine to every house-  
hold, raising doubts that many books  
have borne for years, is enough to awa-  
ken the public to praise the like of  
which has never before been heard in  
this locality. From every ward, from  
every street comes the same report.  
Failure is an unknown quantity as far  
as the little conqueror is concerned and  
success follows in every footstep. Right  
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